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Artisans of the Valley Hand-made, Hand-finished, Hand-signed

Artisans of the Valley is a custom wood-working shop with an extensive portfolio of restorations, commissions and carvings. Sixth Generation Master Craftsman Eric Saperstein carries on an ancient tradition that he learned from his father, Stanley.

A master craftsman has studied his art for many years under an established master, first as an apprentice, then as a journeyman. An apprentice would usually live in the master's household and receive room and board as compensation. After exhibiting sufficient competency, he would be promoted to journeyman.

Journeyman, of French derivation (jour meaning day), has earned the right to charge a fee for a day's work and would no longer have to live with the master. In parts of medieval Europe wandering journeyman would move from town to town gaining experience from different workshops as part of their training to become a master. Journeymen were sometimes called *jacks* or *knaves*, which spawned the expression *jack of all trades, master of none*.

A master craftsman owns his shop and may employ workers. Years of study from apprentice through journeyman ensured that a man attained mastery of his craft, before becoming master of his shop.

Today very few craftsman follow this tradition, but Stanley Saperstein is one who did. He served a seven-year apprenticeship with Clarence N. Grinnell of the well-known Grinnell family of woodworkers, who have passed down the trade from 1614. The Grinnells were among the first settlers of Providence, Rhode Island. They later established themselves in Medina, New York, a furniture center of the 18th and 19th centuries. Grinnell, Iowa was founded in 1854 by an ancestor, Josiah B. Grinnell.

Clarence Grinnell was the last of the Grinnell craftsman and Stanley was his last apprentice. As a taskmaster, Mr. Grinnell would expect Stanley to *make things as*

good where they can't see it as you do where they can.

Stanley founded Artisans of the Valley in 1973 with simple commissions for household furniture, carvings, and accessories. As his formal training progressed, and he

journeyman, he displayed an ever-growing talent and skill level through the completion of literally hundreds of restorations, commissions, and carvings.

His father transferred Artisans of the Valley shop and his Master to Eric in 2008 when Eric earned the title of *Ars Artisan of Custom Furniture Making and all its branches*.

The shop specializes in hand-carved, custom woodworking, museum-quality reproduction of period furniture, restoration and conservation of antiques and collectibles, and original designs through commissions.

Eric is taking Artisans into new creative areas with a modern portfolio that includes concrete furniture and projects that combine concrete, steel, and glass. New designs involve creative use of re-

cycled and renewable materials to develop environmentally sound and durable furniture. As with Artisan's other custom designed pieces, each will be hand-made, hand-finished, and hand-signed.

Season 2 of *Tanked* on Animal Planet network featured Artisan's original design Sea Chest Bed for a child with special needs who received a story-themed nautical fish tank and a cabinet surround for a refrigerator converted into a fish tank.

Along with his historic presentations and reenactments, Stanley has worked with local historical organizations to complete such restoration projects as rifle stocks, swords, and bayonets for the National Guard Militia Museum, large-scale timber framing for farm buildings and assistance with the farmhouse restoration at Howell Living History Farm.

There is extensive information, not only about the shop, but philosophy of restoration, history of period furniture and a glossary of woodworking terms, Revolutionary War and Civil War historical interpretations and demonstrations, on the Artisans of the Valley website: artisansofthevalley.com.



New Wave Gothic Library desk, a commission, was one of two designed along with a client. Handcarved Friesian Desk Box is an exact museum-quality reproduction.

gained experience, his projects became more elaborate including antique restoration and conservation services. Stanley received his journeyman papers in 1977.

Stanley moved his business to a larger shop in Hopewell Township in 1979, thus completing his transition to a formal fifth generation master (C.N. Grinnell was a fourth generation master). The larger facility allowed him to expand his business to museum-quality antique restoration, period furniture reproduction, woodcarving, sculpture, and original furniture design services.

Stanley holds a BA in History and Political Science, and he earned an MA in History/Education from the College of New Jersey in 1971. His specialty is military history, which he calls upon when doing living history and reenactments. He authored an historic novel entitled *Sharpshooters*, which tells the story of the elite green clad Union troops known as the widow makers, the United States Sharpshooters.

Eric randomly played the role of apprentice throughout his childhood and adolescence. After being promoted to

A Capella Journey

A capella is solo or group singing with no instruments. Meaning *from the chapel* in Italian, a capella has its roots in early religious music. Many sacred Islamic and Judeo-Christian texts can be interpreted as forbidding musical instruments in worship. The organ wasn't accepted in Christian churches until the 13th century. Jews are prohibited from using musical instruments on the Sabbath partially to avoid excessive noise-making.

A capella tradition thrives today in the form of Barbershop harmony, which is an exclusively American art form. Barber shops were the gathering place for men in the mid-19th century. While waiting their turn, African-American men would often harmonize in spirituals, folk songs and popular songs. This generated a new style of four-part, close-harmony singing. Minstrel shows adopted the style, and made it very popular until the

1920s when *Barbershop* faded.

It might have passed into obscurity if it weren't for the near-accidental formation of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America in 1938.

Owen C. Cash and Rupert I. Hall were stranded by a storm in Kansas City. They discovered a mutual love of vocal harmony and decided to hold a songfest on April 11, 1938—attended by 26 men. By the third gathering, more than 150 harmonizers raised such a sound that traffic stopped on the street below. By year's end membership numbered more than 2,000 men.

Princeton Garden Statesmen have been part of this community since 1969. They will take audiences on an *A Capella Journey* on June 2 at 2 pm and 8 pm in the Ludeke Center on Rider University's Lawrenceville campus. Tickets are \$20-\$28 and available at 888-636-4449 or menwhosing.org. (wv)

Get Set for ArtAllNight

ArtAllNight is a 24-hour art, music and food festival in the Roebling Wire Works building and Mill Yard Park in Trenton from June 16 at 3 pm until June 17 at 3 pm.

The extravaganza is totally free—no fees, no jury, no censorship. It is free to submit one piece of art and it is free to attend. Other activities planned for this year include more than 35 live music acts on two stages, the creation of a large-scale sculptural candelabra by the New Jersey Blacksmith Association, a world food court

and close to 1,000 pieces of art on display.

New this year will be a Film Fest running the entire 24 hours. Local filmmakers will have the opportunity to premiere their art films or school project.

The Black-light Graffiti Lounge returns with Trenton's own Leon Rainbow and Rock Ya Body Artists creating Graf on Girls. Visitors and models will be painted in black-light reactive paint! The installation will be available during the full 24 hours of the festival with body painting taking place Saturday night shortly after nightfall.

ArtAllNight will be held at 675 Clinton Avenue. For more information, directions and an artwork registration form, call 394-9436 or visit artworkstrenton.org. (wv)



Open Air Theatre

The Open Air Theatre (OAT) at Washington Crossing State Park continues to preserve an artistic heritage established in Mercer County almost 50 years ago. The amphitheater is situated in an idyllic natural outdoor setting with excellent acoustics.

The theatre was run by the Washington Crossing Association of New Jersey from its inception until 2005. For several years, Bucks County Playhouse offered summer theatre there. Then in 2010, the Downtown Performing Arts Center (DPAC) partnered with the State Park to produce live theatre in the historic venue.

DPAC and its director, Ginny Brennan, have been a staple in the Lambertville area for over a decade, offering classes in voice, dance and acting. She was general manager at Bucks County Playhouse before becoming artistic director of their Children's Theatre program.

Ms. Brennan conducts acting and musical theatre for 5-8 year-olds and an acting class for developmentally disabled students. She has extensive experience with auditioning, casting, directing, and costuming.

Jordan Brennan holds a BFA in Dance from Marymount Manhattan College; and is an experienced costumer. He teaches ballet, tap, and jazz at DPAC. He also starred in productions aboard Holland America Cruise Lines.

DPAC's Louis Palena, a tap dancer and playwright with musical theatre history background, has been performing locally and abroad for many years. He appeared in the Russian cast of *42nd Street* and starred in theatre productions for Holland America Cruise Lines.

Louis Palena and Jordan Brennan lend their talents to OAT as artistic directors. Mr. Palena wrote the music and lyrics for three Children's Shows and the two collaborated on *Stars n' Stripes* and *Hits of Broadway*, MainStage revues.

Open Air Theater summer fare is a delightful way to spend a summer evening and is ideal for families. Pack a picnic, bring cushions and blankets, and relax under the stars. The amphitheater has bench seating, a concession stand with light snacks, and is fully handicapped accessible.

MainStage productions include: *Wizard of Oz*, May 25-27, Jun 1-3; *Avenue Q* (for mature audiences), Jun 8-10; *The Music Man*, Jun 15-24; *Stars n' Stripes*, Jun 29-30, Jul 1; *Legally Blonde*, *The Musical*, Jul 6-15; *Chicago*, *Musical*, Jul 20-29; *To Be Announced*, *Musical*, Aug 3-5; *Anything Goes*, Aug 10-19; *Hits of Broadway*, Aug 24-26; *Annie*, Aug 31, Sep 1-9; and *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, Sep 28-30, Oct 5-7.

Children's shows include: *Aristocats Kids*, Jun 16-17, 23-24; *Snow White*, Jun 29-30, Jul 1-8; *Aladdin, Jr.*, Jul 13-22; *Alice in Wonderland*, Jul 27-29, Aug 3-5; *Pinocchio*, Aug 10-19; and *Cinderella Kids*, Aug 24-31, Sep 1-2.

Open Air Theater is located in Washington Crossing State Park, enter from Route 546 in Titusville. Mainstage productions are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 pm; Children's shows on Friday and Saturday begin at 11 am and Sunday at 4 pm. Tickets are \$5-\$15, and group rates are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (267) 885-9857 or visit dpacatoat.com.



Summer Reading

Studies show that the number of books read is consistently related to academic gains, and that reading as a leisure activity increases comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed. Mercer County libraries are the perfect places to find plenty of free reading materials and enjoy a full schedule of fun, creative, educational, interactive events.

Summer reading programs have inspired and motivated children to read purely for fun, without the pressure of taking tests or writing book reports, keeping their minds sharp, improving their reading skills and expanding their imaginations. The Collaborative Summer Library Program has been developed by a consortium of libraries across the United States to stimulate children, teens and adults to read more.

This summer's program is divided into three themes: *Dream Big-Read!* for children under 11; *Own the Night* for 12-18 year-olds; and *Between the Covers* for adults. Teen volunteers and library staff are available to assist with the registration process, answer questions, and assist children and teens in choosing books.

Free registration begins on June 18 and the program runs through Aug. 3 for children, and Aug. 17 for teens. Certain programs require pre-registration with a valid MCLS library card. For details, branch locations, and contact information, visit mcl.org.

Senior Art Shows

Mercer County Culture and Heritage is partnering with the Office on Aging to present the Mercer County Senior Art Show from July 18 through August 3.

Mercer County residents, 60 years or older, may submit one piece in any of the following categories: acrylic, oil, pastel, watercolor, drawing, photography, print, sculpture, or mixed media. The artwork submitted must be original work, created in the last three years and not previously entered. First place winners will advance to the New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show.

Both senior art shows will be hosted by Meadow Lakes at 300 Meadow Lakes in East Windsor. The New Jersey show will be on view from Sept. 24 through Oct. 25. For directions, call 800-564-5705 or visit meadowlakesonline.org.

To participate in the County show, a completed registration form must be received in MC Office on Aging by June 29. Artwork must be delivered to the Meadow Lakes on July 16 from 9 am-2 pm. For more information, registration form and prospectus, call 989-6661 or visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/senior.html.

Dear Friends,

Now that summer has arrived, I hope you take the opportunity to check out all that Mercer County has to offer during the coming months.

Each year, the County and its community partners strive to offer enhanced and more varied programs for all tastes. From art shows to film screenings to outdoor concerts and so much more, this edition of the Culture & Heritage newsletter is packed with events and activities from now through August.


In addition to finding a class, social event or presentation that fits your interest, I also encourage you to visit the County's many parks, its golf courses and tennis courts, and other recreational facilities. Enjoy a picnic, go hiking on Baldpate Mountain or take a leisurely pedal boat ride on Lake Mercer. These are just a few of the many ways to see some of our beautiful outdoor scenery on a summer day.


I wish everyone a relaxing and safe summer, and hope that you enjoy exploring our great County.



Sincerely,

Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

**Mercer County**
Cultural Festival
October 13 • 11a-6p
Mercer County Park
rain date October 14

**CULTURAL FESTIVAL**
OCTOBER 13, 2012

Brian M. Hughes, County Executive • Board of Chosen Freeholders

Mercer County Cultural Festival Returns

Mercer County is a melting pot of many cultures which come together here in the capital county of one of America's most diverse, densely populated states. Mercer County's 13 municipalities are home to citizens of a variety of ethnicities and countries of origin, and in celebration of this, Mercer County is hosting its second Cultural Festival on October 13 from 11 am-6 pm in Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

The one-day festival will celebrate diverse cultures through traditional food, live authentic music and dance performances. Traditional artists will explore their heritage through their art in live demonstrations and hands-on activities. Artisans will have hand-made merchandise from their country of origin to sell in the World Bazaar.

Among the many countries represented in the 2011 festival were: China, Germany, Poland, Egypt, Native American Indian, Ghana, Guatamala, Greece, Mexico, Italy,

Caribbean, India, Korea, Puerto Rico, Ireland, Scotland, American Folk & Gospel, Africa, and Spain were represented. To see a slide show of highlights from last year, visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/culturalfest.html.

MC Culture and Heritage is seeking artists to perform traditional music or dance, and artisans to sell ethnic crafts at the 2012 Cultural Festival. Performers must be in heritage costumes of their country. Crafts must be high-quality, traditional work of the country being represented. No commercial products, kits or second-hand items. Interested artisans can download a vendor agreement from the above webpage. Interested performers may call the number below.

Festival admission and parking are free. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled to the following day: October 14. For more information, please call 278-2712 or visit mercercounty.org. (ww)



Calendar **EVENTS**

MCC&HC cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Call ahead to confirm times and prices. Unless otherwise noted, the area code is 609. For an expanded events listing, visit nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/calendar.html. Deadline for full issue, which covers September, October, November is July 18, 2012.

Art Happenings

Tom Malloy watercolors, Mon-Fri, 12-4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 120 East State Street, Trenton. 396-1712; old1712.org.

Student Show, Jun 1-Aug 31, Straube Center, Route 31, Pennington. 737-3322; straubecenter.com. (wv)

Student Show, thru Jun 2, Silva Gallery of Art, Pennington School, 112 West Delaware Avenue. 737-1838; pennington.org/arts. (wv)

Leonard Ross photos, thru Jun 7, Mariboe Gallery, Peddie School, 201 South Main Street, Hightstown. Reception Jun 1, 6:30. 944-7500; peddie.org.

Senior Thesis Exhibit, thru Jun 8, Anne Reid Gallery, Princeton Day School, Great Road. 924-6700; pds.org.

Guild of Papermakers, thru Jun 9, ArtWorks, 19 Everetts Alley, Trenton. 394-9436; artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Art Exhibit Receptions, Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11, Lawrenceville Artists' Network, 2683 Main Street, 512-1359; lmsartistsnetwork.com.

Student Show, thru Jun 10, Chapin School, 4101 Princeton Pike. 924-7206; chapinschool.org. (wv)

Buy & Swap, Jun 13, 7pm, Princeton Photography Club, Johnson Education Center, D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place, Princeton. (732) 422-3676; princetonphotoclub.org. (wv)

Garden at Night, Linda Rutenberg photos, opening Jun 14, 5:30-7:30pm; artist lecture Jun 15, 10 am, Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5-\$6. 924-8144; historicmorven.org.

Cranbury Camera Club, thru Jun 16, Art Way Gallery, Princeton Alliance Church, Schalks Crossing Road, Plainsboro. 799-9000; artway-gallery.org. (wv)

ArtAllNight, Jun 16, 3pm-Jun 17, 3pm, Roebling Wire Works & Millyard Park, 675 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton. 394-9436; artworkstrenton.org.

Trenton Artists Workshop Assn, Jun 23-Aug 5, Ellarslie Mansion, Cadwalader Park, Parkside Avenue, Trenton. Tue-Sat, 11am-3pm; Sun, 1-4pm. 989-3632; ellarslie.org. (wv)

Talking Heads, portraits, Jun 24, 1-5pm, Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive, Roosevelt. 448-4616; music.columbia.edu/roosevelt/events.html.

Paul Stopforth paintings & mixed media, thru Aug 3, Bernstein Gallery, Woodrow Wilson School, Washington

Road, Princeton. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. 497-2441; princeton.edu/bernstein.

Princeton Theological Seminary President Portraits, Bicentennial Celebration, thru Oct, Erdman Gallery, 20 Library Place. 497-7990; ptsem.edu. (wv)

First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson, impressionist paintings, thru Sep 15, Wed-Sat, 12-4pm, Updike Farmstead, 354 Quaker Road, Princeton. \$4. 921-6748; princetonhistory.org.

Big Top Camp w/Beth Daly, ages 6-12, Jun 16-20, 9am-3pm, ArtWorks, 19 Everetts Alley, Trenton. \$150. 394-9436; artworkstrenton.org. (wv)

Multi-Arts Camp, ages 5-10, Jun 18-22, Jun 25-29, Aug 20-24, Aug 27-31, 9am-3pm, West Windsor Arts Center, 952 Alexander Road, Princeton. \$350-\$380. 716-1931; westwindsorartscenter.org. (wv)

Classes, Camps, Workshops, ages 4-adult, Jun 18-Aug 20, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. 924-8777; artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Art Camps, ages 3-12, Jun 25-Aug 31, Lawrenceville Artists' Network, 2683 Main Street. \$75-\$150. 512-1359; lmsartistsnetwork.com.

Art Classes, adult, Jun 2-Jul 12, Lawrenceville Artists' Network, 2683 Main Street. \$80-\$120. 512-1359; lmsartistsnetwork.com.

Artists' Gallery

Gail Bracegirdle & John Treichler, Jun 8-Jul 1. Reception Jun 9.

Carol Sanzalone & Eric Rhinehart, Jul 6-Aug 5. Reception Jul 7.

Paul Grecian & Richard Harrington, Aug 10-Sep 2. Reception Aug 11.

Artists' Gallery, 18 Bridge Street, Lambertville. Fri-Sun, 11am-6pm. 397-4588; lambertvillearts.com.

Grounds For Sculpture

Anniversary Arts Party, Jun 2, 11am-4pm.

Moonlight Tour/Dinner at Rat's, Jun 5, 7pm. \$55-\$65. Register.

Watercolor Techniques w/Sharon Egan, Jun 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am-1pm. \$185-\$195. Register.

Art Salon: Radiance, Jun 14, 6-9pm. \$80-\$90/dinner. Register.

Tots on Tour w/Joslyn Johnson, Jun 23, 11am & 1pm.

Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

Kelsey Arts Camp

Tomato Patch, Mon-Thu, Jun 25-Jul

19, 8:45am-4:15pm. Students entering grades 8-12. \$675. Festival of The Arts, Jul 18-19, 7pm. \$6.

Tomato Patch, Mon-Thu, Jul 23-Aug 9, 8:45am-4:15pm. Students entering grades 5-7. \$600. Festival of The Arts, Aug 8-9, 7pm. \$6.

Tomato Patch, Master Class, Mon-Thu, Jul 23-Aug 10, 9am-4pm. Students entering grades 8-12. \$550. Performance, Aug 10, 7pm.

Tomato Patch, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3566; kelseyatmccc.org/tomato_patch.

NJ State Museum

Botanica Magnifica: Jonathan Singer photos, thru Aug 26. Curator Tour, Jun 1, 12pm.

American Perspectives: Fine Art. Pretty Big Things: NJ Hist. Stories. Colonial NJ Indians & Europeans. WPA & Archaeology. Remember 9.11.

NJ Artist: Mayumi Sarai, thru Jul 1. *NJ State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464, newjerseystatemuseum.org. (wv)*

Princeton University

Art Museum

Highlights Tour, Sat-Sun, 2pm.

Art for Families, Sat, 10:30am.

John Constable, thru Jun 10.

Encounters, Jul 14-Sep 16.

Root & Branch, Jul 14-Oct 28.

Princeton and the Gothic Revival: 1870-1930, thru Jun 24.

Princeton University Art Museum, McCormick Hall, campus. 258-3788; artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

Dance

Flamenco w/Julia & Carlos Lopez, 1st & 3rd Wed 7:45pm, Malaga Restaurant, 511 Lalor Street, Hamilton. \$12. 396-8878; malagarestaurant.com.

Pennington Dance Performance, Jun 3, 1-3pm, Hopewell Valley High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington. \$20. 737-7596; penningtondance.com. (wv)

Pennington Dance Performance, Jun 10, 12:30pm, Trenton Thunder, Waterfront Park, 1 Thunder Road, Trenton. 394-3300; mlb.com. (wv)

Princeton Dance & Theatre Performance, Jun 3, Kendall Main Stage The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. \$15. 514-1600; princetondance.com. (wv)

Kay's Act II Dance Studio Pass-

port To The World, Jun 29, 6pm, Jun 30, 1pm, Kendall, TCNJ, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing. \$17. (215) 322-8177; kaysact2.com. (wv)

Dancing

Scottish Dancing, Mon, 7:30pm, Meadow Lakes, Etra Road, Hightstown. \$3. 936-0891; rscds-nj.org.

Country Line Dancing, Tues, 7pm, Hillbilly Hall Tavern, 203 Hopewell-Wertsville Road, Hopewell. 466-9856; hillbillyhall.com.

Princeton Country Dancers, Contra, Wed, 8-10:30pm; 4th Sat, 8-11pm; **English Country**, 2nd Sat, 8-11pm; Suzanne Patterson Center, 1 Monument Drive, Princeton. \$8-\$10. 844-0459; princetoncountrydancers.org.

Folk Dancing, Fri, 8pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 1 Monument Drive, Princeton. \$5. 912-1272; princeton-folkdance.org.

Folk Dancing, Tue, 7-9pm, Riverside School, 58 Riverside Drive, Princeton. \$3. 921-9340; princetonfolkdance.org.

Ballroom Dancing, Newcomers, Wed, 7-9pm; Practice, Fri, 8-11pm, American Ballroom, 1523 Parkway Avenue, Ewing. \$10-\$15. 931-0149; americanballroomco.com.

Jersey Jumpers, 3rd Fri, 7pm, Central Jersey Dance Society, Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. \$12-\$15. 945-1883; centraljerseydance.org.

Dance Improv, 2nd Fri, 8-10pm, All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road, Princeton. \$10-\$15. 924-3767; danceimprov.com.

Argentine Tango, Thu, 9:15pm, Suzanne Patterson Center, 1 Monument Drive, Princeton. \$12. (732) 789-5272; vivatango.org.

Film

Not Quite Legal Film Festival, Jun 9, 11am-3pm, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front & Montgomery streets, Trenton. 331-9599; trentonfilmfestival.org.

Student Film Fest, Jul 18-19, 7pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; princetonlibrary.org.

Seeking Filmmakers, ages 14-25, for Film Fest, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Deadline Jun 25. Guidelines/application 924-9529 ext. 247; princetonlibrary.org.

Princeton Univ Art Museum

Encounters Film Series

Lost in Translation (2003), Sofia Coppola, director, Jun 21, 8:30pm.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977), Steven Spielberg, director, Jul 12, 8:30pm.

Social Network (2010), Aug 2, 6:30pm, Brown/Dod Quad.

Princeton University Art Museum lawn, McCormick Hall, campus. 258-3788; artmuseum.princeton.edu. (wv)

History Activities

Historic artifacts, thru Jun 30, Mon-Fri, 12-4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 120 East State Street, Trenton. 396-1712; old1712.org.

Dr. UFO, 1st Wed, 7:30pm, Justice Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton. 631-8955 (11am-2pm); drufo.org. (wv)

Camden & Amboy Railroad meeting, Jun 1, 7:30pm, Hightstown Freight Station, 164 North Main Street. trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrrhistoricalgroup.

Garden Party, Jun 3, 1-4pm, Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5. Register 683-0057; drumthwacket.org.

Mill Hill Garden Tour, Jun 9, 12-5pm, \$10-\$15. 815-1359; trentonmillhill.org.

Abbott Farm Archaeology, Jun 10, 10am-12pm, Watson Woods-Roebling Park, 151 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton. 292-8594.

Junior Camp Olden, Jun 16, 9:30am-3pm, Civil War/Native American Museum, 2202 Kuser Road, Hamilton. \$30. 259-1428; 577-4813; campolden.org.

Hamilton Philatelic Society, Jun 29, 7 pm, Hamilton Library, Justice Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton. hamiltonphilatelic.org. (wv)

1800s Baseball, Jun 30, 11am, Princeton Regional School Field, 25 Valley Road, Flemington Neshanock vs Diamond State Club of Delaware. 921-6748; princetonhistory.org.

Revolutionary Day Camp, Jul 9-13; Jul 16-20, 8:30am-4pm, Old Barracks Museum, Barracks Street, Trenton. Ages 9-12. \$120-\$220. Register 396-1776; barracks.org.

Forgotten History w/Eric Schnitzer, Bill Ahearn, Todd Braisted, Jun 16, 2-6pm, David Library. Benefits Princeton Battlefield preservation, interpretation. princetonbattlefieldsociety.ticketleap.com/forgotten-history/.

John Abbott House, Sat-Sun, 12:30-4:30pm, 2200 Kuser Road, Hamilton. 585-1686; hamiltonnj.com.

Brearley House, 1st Sat, 10am-12pm, Meadow Lane, Lawrenceville. Lawrence Historical Society. 895-1728; thelhs.org. (wv)

Clarke House, Wed-Sat, 10am-12pm, 1-4pm, **Cooking Day**, Jun 3, 1-4pm; **Game Day**, Aug 12, 1-4pm, Princeton Battlefield, 500 Mercer Road. 921-0074; theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.com.

Drumthwacket Tour, Wed, noon, 354 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$5.

Register 683-0057; drumthwacket.org.

Kuser Farm Mansion, Sat-Sun, 11am-2:30pm, 390 Newkirk Avenue, Hamilton. 890-3630; hamiltonnj.com.

Morven Tea & Tour, Wed, 1pm, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton. \$16-\$20. Register 924-9144; morven.org.

National Guard Militia Museum, Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit Tue & Fri, 9am-3pm, Lawrenceville Armory, 151 Eggert Crossing Road. 530-6802; state.nj.us/military/museum.

Princeton Walking Tours, Sun, 2-4pm, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street. \$4-\$7. 921-6748; princeton-history.org.

State House Tours, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm; 1st & 3rd Sat, 12-3pm, 125 West State Street, Trenton. Register 633-2709; njleg.state.nj.us. (wv)

Schenck House, 2nd Sun, 1-4pm, West Windsor Historical Society, 50 Southfield Road. 799-1278.

Trenton Battle Monument, daily, dawn-dusk, 348 North Warren Street. 737-0623.

William Trent House Museum, 12:30-4pm, 15 Market Street, Trenton. 989-3027; williamtrenthouse.org.

Howell Living History Farm.

Hog Slopping, Jun 2.

Haying, Jun 9.

Sweep the Fields, Jun 10.

On the Road w/Elsie the Cow, Jun 15, 7:30pm.

Dairying, Jun 16.

Oldtime Baseball, Jun 23.

Wheat Harvest & Ice Cream Party, Jun 30.

Evening Hayrides, Jul 7, 14, 21, 5-8pm.

Summer Barn Dance: Bringing in the Sheaves, Jul 13.

Mercer County 4-H Fair, Jul 28-29.

Honey Harvest, Aug 4.

Slide Show w/Bob Meszaros, Aug 10, 7:30pm.

Pleasant Valley Wagon Tours, Aug 11.

Pleasant Valley School House Tour, Aug 12.

Potato Harvest, Aug 18.

Fiddlin' on the Farm, Aug 25.

Howell Living History Farm; A Mercer County Park System facility, Valley Road, off Route 29, Titusville. (609) 737-3299. Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm, 737-3299; howellfarm.org. (wv)

Holiday/Heritage

Shoah Generations Gathering, Jun 10, 1:30-3:30pm, Mercer County Community College, Student Center, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 292-9274; holocaust@doe.state.nj.us.

Flag Day Ceremony, Jun 14, 12pm, Princeton Township Hall, 400 Witherspoon Street. Properly retire American flags. spiritofprinceton.org.

Independence Day Fireworks, Jul 2, 9pm, fields near Princeton Univ football stadium. Picnicking, 7pm.

spiritofprinceton.org.

Independence Day Celebration, Jul 4, **Concert** 7pm, **Fireworks**, 9:40pm, Rider Univ Campus, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. 844-7067; lawrencetwp.com.

Independence Day Parade, Jul 4, 10 am, Parkside to Parkway Avenue to Ewing High School. ewingnj.org.

German-American Club

Club Picnic, Jun 10, 12pm.

Summer Dance w/Rick & Kenny, Jun 16, 7:30-11:30pm. \$10.

Father's Day, Jun 17, 1-6pm.

Euro-American Auto Show, Jul 14, 9am-4pm.

Karaoke Night w/DJ, Jul 14, 9pm-1am. \$5.

Beach Party Dance w/The Gramers, Jul 21, 7:30-11:30pm. \$10.

August Dance w/Denny O, Aug 18, 7:30-11:30pm. \$10.

German-American Club, 219 Uncle Pete's Road, Yardville. Dinner before dances, 5:30-8:30pm. Reservations (856) 764-3106; gakclub.org.

Literary Events

Delaware Valley Poets Workshops, 1st Tue, 7:30pm, Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. Bring 10 copies of your poem. 882-9246; delawarevalleypoets.com. (wv)

Delaware Valley Poets Read, 2nd Mon, 7:30pm, Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. 924-9529; princetonlibrary.org. (wv)

Book Sale, Jun 18, 9am-7:30pm, Hamilton Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way. 581-4060; hamilton-njpl.org. (wv)

Summer Reading Program: Dream Big-Read, ages up to 11; **Own the Night**, ages 12-18, Jun 18-Aug 17. Registration begins Jun 18. Mercer County Libraries: Ewing 882-3130, Lawrence 882-9246, Hickory Corner 448-1330, Hightstown 448-1474, Hollowbrook 883-5914, Hopewell 737-2610, Twin Rivers 443-1880, Washington 259-2150, West Windsor 799-0462; mcl.org.

Book Sale, Jul 14-Aug 15, Twin Rivers Library, 276 Abbington Drive, East Windsor. Benefits reading programs. 443-1880; mcl.org. (wv)

Musical Performances

Lawrence Community Band, Thu, 7:30pm, Senior Center, 30 Darrah Lane East. 890-8168. (wv)

A Capella Journey w/Princeton Garden Statesmen, Jun 2, 2pm & 8pm, Ludeke Center, Rider Univ, 2083 Lawrenceville Road. \$20-\$28. 888-636-4449; menwhosong.org. (wv)

Serenade from Vienna, Dryden Ensemble Garden Party, Jun 3, 4pm. \$60-\$75. Reservations 466-8541; drydenensemble.org.

Courtyard Concert: Seth Glier, Jun 8, 7:30pm, Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. \$12. 586-0616; groundsforsculpture.org. (wv)

RockRoots: History of American Pop Music, Jun 9, 12:30pm & 2pm, NJ State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. 292-6464, newjerseystatemuseum.org. (wv)

Bollywood: Sonu Niigaam w/Symphony Orchestra, Jun 9, 8pm, Sun Bank Arena, 81 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton. \$39-\$150. 656-3200; sun-nationalbankcenter.com. (wv)

NJ Gay Men's Chorus: Our Quest for the West, Jun 10, 4pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. \$15-\$25. (732) 579-8449; njgmc.org. (wv)

Sing With Us, Jun 10, 7pm, Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Benefits CASA. 924-0103; nassauchurch.org.

La Shir, Jun 10, 2:30pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton Univ campus. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud. (wv)

Earth, Wind & Fire: Guiding Lights Tour, Jun 16, 8pm, 81 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton. \$50-\$90. 656-3200; sunnationalbankcenter.com. (wv)

Tim Keyes Consort Te Deum, Jun 16, 8pm, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton Univ campus. 258-5000; princeton.edu/richaud. (wv)

Hopewell Valley Chorus, Jun 22, 6pm, Trenton Thunder, Waterfront Park, 1 Thunder Road, Trenton. \$8-\$10. 394-3300; milb.com. (wv)

Army Band Concert & Fireworks, Jun 24, 7:30pm, Aliger Tract, Route 546, Hopewell, 737-3753; hopewelltp.org.

Music Camps, American Boychoir Experience, boys ages 8-12, Jun 24-Jun 30; **Camp Albemarle**, boys ages 7-14, Jul 1-14 or Jul 15-28, 8:30am-5:30pm, 19 Lambert Drive, Princeton. 924-5858; americanboychoir.org.

Westminster Camp, Jul-Aug 10, Westminster Choir College of Rider Univ, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton. 924-7416; rider.edu/wcc.

Music in the Park

Run to Sandy, indie/pop/rock, Jun 14.

Rave On! rock & roll, Jun 21.

Lawrence Community Band, Jun 28.

Riverside Blue Grass, Jul 5.

Don't Mind the Dog, rock/blues/country, Jul 12.

Reock & Roll Revue, Jul 19.

Darla Rich Quartet, jazz/swing, Jul 26.

Off the Map, alt/pop/rock, Aug 2.

Stringzville, jazz, Aug 9.

Whiskey Girls, Aug 16.

Lawrenceville Main Street, Weeden Park, Route 206. 7pm. 219-9300; lawrencevillemainstreet.com.

Golandsky Piano Festival

Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner, Jul 8.

Thomas Bagwell, Jul 9.

Jasper Quartet w/Ilya Itin: An Evening of Song, Jul 10.

Josu De Solaun, Jul 12.
Ilya Itin, Jul 13, Richardson.
Bill Charlap, jazz, Jul 14, Richardson.
Golandsky Piano Institute. 8pm. *Unless otherwise noted: McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton Univ campus. 877-343-3434; golandskyinstitute.org.*

Princeton Festival

Lectures

Broadway Musical Theater w/Stacy Wolf, Jun 6, 7:30pm, Princeton Library.
Visions of Hell in Music w/Timothy Urban, Jun 9, 3pm, W Windsor Library; Jun 20, 7:30pm, Princeton Library.
Hell-Bent: Visions in Poetry w/Robert Hollander, Jun 12, 7:30pm, Princeton Library.
Visions of Hell in Poetry w/Nancy Goldsmith, Jun 13, 7pm, Rocky Hill Library.
Visions of Hell in Art w/Marianne Grey, Jun 18, 7:30pm, Princeton Library; Jun 21, 7pm, Lawrence Library.

Performances

Musical Preview, Jun 7, 7:30pm, Princeton Library.
Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, Jun 9, 8pm, Richardson Auditorium.
Iustigdancetheatre, Jun 9, 8pm, McCarter Theatre. \$25-\$45.
Once Upon a Mattress Preview, Jun 10, 2pm, Grounds For Sculpture.
Rodriguez Brothers, Jun 10, 4pm, Lawrenceville School. \$45.
VOICES Cathedral Classics, Jun 10, 7:30pm, PU Chapel. \$25-\$75.
Opera Preview, Jun 14, 7pm, Princeton Univ Art Museum.
Once Upon a Mattress, Jun 15-16, 22-23, 28-30, 8pm; Jun 17 & 24, 3pm, Matthews Acting Studio. \$45.
Gamelan Orchestra, Jun 16, 7pm, Lawrenceville School. \$30.
Concordia Chamber Players, Jun 17, 4pm, Miller Chapel. \$35.
Opera: Gianni Schicchi, Francesca da Rimini, Jun 23 & 30, 8pm, McCarter. \$30-\$125.
Opera Artists' Reception, Jun 23, 11pm, McCarter. \$10.
Piano Competition Finals, Jun 24, 3pm, Lawrenceville School. \$30.
Choral Conductor's Workshop Concert w/Dr. Jerry Blackstone, Jun 28, 7pm, Miller Chapel. \$20.
Cabaret w/Sylvia McNair, Jun 30, 7pm, Frist Theatre. \$45.

Princeton Festival; princetonfestival.org. Princeton Library, 65 Witherspoon Street. Lawrence Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike. West Windsor Library, 333 North Post Road. Rocky Hill Library, 64 Washington Street. McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place. Lewis Center for the Arts, Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street. Princeton Univ campus: Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Chapel, Washington Street;

Art Museum, Nassau @ Witherspoon Street; Frist Theatre, Washington Road. Lawrenceville School, Clark Center, Main Street. Grounds For Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. 258-2787; mccarter.org.

Opera New Jersey

Il trovatore, Jul 8 & 22, 2pm; Jul 14, 7:30pm, Matthews Theatre.
HMS Pinafore, Jul 15, 2pm; Jul 19 & 21, 7:30pm, Matthews Theatre.
Emerging Artists Scenes #1, Jul 15, 7:30pm, Berlind Theatre.
Opera Stars in Concert, Jul 17, 7:30pm, Berlind Theatre.
Emerging Artists Scenes #2, Jul 20, 7:30pm, Berlind Theatre.

OperaNJ @ McCarter Theater Center, 91 University Place, Princeton. 799-7700; opera-nj.org. (wv)

Summer Chamber Concerts

Daedalus String Quartet, Jun 19.
Chiara String Quartet, Jul 9.
Vienna Piano Trio, Jul 18.
Manhattan Brass Quintet, Jul 23.
Princeton University Summer Chamber Concerts, Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton Univ campus. 8pm. 570-8404; pusummerchamberconcerts.org. 258-5000; princeton.edu.richaud. (wv)

Outdoor Fun

Robbinsville Community Festival, Jun 9, 2pm, Community Park, West Manor Way & Gordon Road. Raindate Jun 10. robbinsville-twp.org.
Freedom Fest, Jun 30, 3-11pm, Mercer County Park, Edinburg Road & Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 419-0300; mercercounty.org. (wv)
A Midsummer Night in the Garden w/Mercer Master Gardeners, Jul 11, 7-8:30pm, Mercer Educational Gardens, 431 A Federal City Road, Pennington. 989-6830; mgofmc.org.
BurgerMania, Aug 8, 12-8pm, Mercer County Park, Edinburg Road & Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 865-9200; mercercounty.org. (wv)

July Jams

Kindred Spirit, 60's, Jul 10.
Limited Slip, rock, Jul 17.
Honey Spot Blvd, cover, Jul 24.
Billy Walton Band, rockin' blues, Jul 31.
Bandstand by the Lake, Town Center, Lake Drive, Robbinsville. 7pm. Raindate next day. 918-0002 Ext. 120; robbinsville-twp.org. (wv)

Mercer County Concerts

Tramps Like Us, Jul 13.
Shorty Long & Jersey Horns, Aug 10.
Ernie White Band, Aug 25.
Mercer County Park Commission, Mercer County Park Marina, Edinburg Road, Hughes Drive, West Windsor. 6-8pm. 448-7107, mercercounty.org.

Palmer Square

Jazams Block Party, Jun 22, 6-

11pm. Movie at dusk.

Music on the Green, Jul 5, 12-2pm; Sat, Jul-Aug, 2-4pm.

Waiter's Race, Jul 12, 4:30pm.

Palmer Square West, downtown Princeton. 921-2333; palmer-square.com.

Washington Xing Park

Pretzel Jar Terrariums, Jun 3, 1:30-3pm.

Build A Rope Bridge, (8+yrs) Jun 10, 1:30-4pm.

Birds of the Park w/Lou Beck, Washington Xing Audubon, Jun 16, 8:30 am.

Stream Stomp, (6+yrs) Jun 17, 1:30-3pm.

Family Nature Walk, Jun 24, 1:30-2:30pm.

Washington Xing Park Nature Center, Route 546, Titusville. \$5 per car. Register 737-0609; state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/washcros.html.

Theatre

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Fri, 8pm; Sat, 7:30pm & 9:30pm, Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, West Windsor. \$20-\$21. 987-8018; catcharisingstar.com. (wv)

Triangle Show: Domsdays of Our Lives...Hindsight is 2012, Jun 1, 8pm; Jun 2, 7:30pm, McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$25-\$30. 258-2787; mccarter.org.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Jun 1-2, 8pm, Princeton Univ Players, Frist Film & Performance Theatre, Washington Road, Princeton Univ campus. \$8-\$12. 258-1742; princeton.edu/~pup. 258-1500; princeton.edu/utickets/.

The Birds, Jun 1-2, 8pm, Matthews Acting Studio, Lewis Center for the Arts, 185 Nassau Street, Princeton. 258-1500; princeton.edu/arts.

7 Stories, Jun 1-2, 8pm, TheatreIn-time, Hamilton-Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton Univ campus. \$8-\$12. 258-1742; theatreintime.org.

Slippery As Sin, Jun 1-2, 8pm; Jun 3, 3pm, Mill Hill Playhouse, Front & Montgomery streets, Trenton. 392-0766; passagetheatre.org. (wv)

Are You There McPhee? Jun 1-3, 8pm; Jun 2, 3pm; Jun 3, 2pm, McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton. \$20-\$60. 258-2787; mccarter.org. (wv)

Lawrence Camps, students entering grades 2-7, Jun 25-Jul 6 or Jul 9-20; **Art**, 9am-12pm; **Theatre**, 1-4pm, \$180-\$240. 844-7067; lawrencetwp.com.

HVCT

Footloose, Jul 26 & 28, 7:30pm.

Beauty & Beast, Jul 27, 7:30pm & 28, 2pm.

Hopewell Valley Children's Theater. Hopewell Valley Central High School, 259 Hopewell-Pennington Road, Pennington. \$7-\$12. 649-3042; hvct.org.

Kelsey Theater

Stephen Sondheim's Company, Jun 1-2, 8pm; Jun 3, 2pm. Pierrot Productions. \$14-\$18.

Drowsy Chaperone, Jun 8-9 & 15-16, 8pm; Jun 10 & 17, 2pm. \$14-\$18.

Jeffrey-The 10th Anniversary, Jun 22 & 23, 8pm; Jun 24, 2pm. \$12-\$25.

Midsummer Night's Dream, Jun 29-30 & Jul 6-7, 8pm; Jul 1 & 8, 2pm. Shakespeare '70. \$12-\$16.

Bye Bye Birdie, Jul 13-14 & 20-21, 8pm; Jul 14-15 & 21-22, 2pm. The Yardley Players. \$14-\$18.

Eat A Peach, Jul 28, 8pm; Jul 29, 2pm. Reock and Roll Revue. \$25.

Wizard of Oz Sing-Along, Aug 3-4, 7pm; Aug 5, 2pm. \$12-\$18.

Kelsey Theatre Awards Ceremony, Aug 11, 7pm. \$12. Vote online: kelseyawards.weebly.com.

Nunsense, Aug 17-18 & 24-25, 8pm; Aug 19 & 26, 2pm. Shore Repertory Company. \$14-\$18.

Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. 570-3333; kelseytheatre.net. (wv)

Off-Broadstreet Theatre

Desperate Affection, Jun 1-29

TBA, Jul 13-Aug 18.

Off-Broadstreet Theater, 5 South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell. Fri-Sat, 7pm; Sun, 1:30pm. \$30-\$32. 466-2766; off-broadstreet.com.

Peddle School

Summer Camp

Green Apple Camp, ages 8-11, Jul 9-13; Jul 16-20; Jul 23-27; Jul 30-Aug 3, 8:30am-3:30pm.

Theater Camp, ages 12-15, Jul 9-21; Jul 23-Aug 4, 8:30am-3:30pm.

Peddle School, 201 South Main Street, Hightstown. \$325-\$500. 944-7550; peddle.org. (wv)

Washington Xing Open Air

Wizard of Oz, May 25-27, Jun 1-3. **Avenue Q**, Jun 8-10.

The Music Man, Jun 15-24.

Stars n' Stripes, Jun 29-30, Jul 1.

Legally Blonde, Musical, Jul 6-15.

Chicago, Musical, Jul 20-29.

Musical To Be Announced, Aug 3-5.

Anything Goes, Aug 10-19.

Hits of Broadway, Aug 24-26.

Annie, Aug 31, Sep 1-9.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Sep 28-30, Oct 5-7.

Kids Theatre

Fri-Sat, 11am; Sun 4pm

Aristocats Kids, Jun 16-17, 23-24.

Snow White, Jun 29-30, Jul 1-8.

Aladdin, Jr., Jul 13-22.

Alice in Wonderland, Jul 27-29, Aug 3-5.

Pinocchio, Aug 10-19.

Cinderella Kids, Aug 24-31, Sep 1-2.

Washington Xing Open Air Theatre, 355 Washington Xing-Pennington Road, Titusville. 7:30pm. \$5-\$15. (267) 885-9857; dpacatoat.com. (wv)

Gathering of the Shoah

A worldwide network of ancestors of Holocaust survivors, *Generations of the Shoah International*, will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a year-long series of public educational programs.

Monthly programs will showcase the talents and contributions of members of the survivor community to the arts and society. Speakers include survivors and descendants of the survivors who have made noteworthy contributions to society.

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) will host a *Gathering* on June 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm with keynote speaker Michael Berenbaum, Holocaust historian, researcher, writer, lecturer, teacher. Mr. Berenbaum has won two academy awards, first as co-producer and then as historical consultant on Holocaust topics.

A panel of generations of The Shoah will discuss proven methods to document family stories. A social worker will be available to discuss issues that arise when living with someone who went through the trauma of genocide. Survivors will have an opportunity to meet others survivors and their descendants from Europe.

The Gathering is made possible through the efforts of the NJ Commission on Holocaust Education, NJ Generations of the Shoah Organizations, NJ Jewish Family Service Agencies, NJ Network of Holocaust/Genocide Centers, and MCCC. The event will be held in the MCCC Student Center at 1200 Old Trenton in West Windsor Campus. For a complete list of Gatherings, visit state.nj.us/education/holocaust/programs. To register for June 10, e-mail holocaust@doe.state.nj.us and include the total number of attendees.

Forgotten History

Princeton Battlefield Society is sponsoring a presentation and discussion about the Northern Campaign of 1777 led by noted experts in the field on June 16 from 2-6 pm in the David Library of the American Revolution.

Eric Schnitzer, Bill Ahearn and Todd Braisted will discuss the British plan of invasion of New York from Canada and the battles that ensued from Lake Champlain through Saratoga. Discussions will include tactics, weapons, loyalist involvement and how these events affected France's entry into the war and the eventual American Victory.

Eric Schnitzer, Saratoga National Historical Park ranger and historian, has dedicated his life's study to the organization, personnel, and material culture of the British and American armed forces of the Revolution, especially as related to the Northern Campaign of 1777. He has written articles for journals such as *The Hessians* and created illustrations for books such as *Philadelphia 1777* and *Wenches, Wives, and Servant Girls*. Mr. Schnitzer regularly lectures at Saratoga Park, and has a curriculum vita that includes presentations at the Fort Ticonderoga Revolutionary War College.

Bill Ahearn, author of *Muskets of the Revolution and the French & Indian Wars*, chronicles the story of the guns that fought the American Revolution, including intimate details of the men who carried them and the desperate battles in which they served. Mr. Ahearn is working on another book entitled *Arms and Armament of the Burgoyne*



Join or Die, a cartoon by Benjamin Franklin, appeared in the Pennsylvania Gazette on May 9, 1754.

Expedition 1777.

Todd W. Braisted has done primary research on Loyalist military personnel, infrastructure and campaigns throughout North America. Since 1979, he has amassed and transcribed over 40,000 pages of *Loyalist* and related material from archives and private collections. Mr. Braisted serves on the editorial board and as a columnist for *American Revolution* magazine. In 2006 he was named the only American to serve as an honorary vice-president of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada.

Forgotten History will be presented on June 16 from 2-6 pm in the David Library of the American Revolution, Stone Hall at 1201 River Road in Washington Crossing, PA. There will be a cocktail hour following the presentations for further informal discussion with the speakers. Tickets are \$15-\$20. Proceeds will benefit interpretation programs and preservation of Princeton Battlefield. For more information and to purchase tickets, email brianjkovacs@aol.com or visit theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.com.

A Place in Time First Presbyterian Church

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton was founded in 1712. An Old Stone Church was erected on the corner of present-day Broad and State streets in 1726 and stood until 1804.

A plot of ground was deeded in 1727 for church purposes, where the First Presbyterian Church now stands. Some years later an additional plot was added. It seems that the first building was erected, as a matter of fact before title was given.

The first Common School was established in 1753 through a lottery, which was illegal in New Jersey; surreptitiously held on Fish Island, a gravelly bar in the Delaware River, now partially included in Mahlon Stacy Park. Lottery proceeds paid for construction of a brick schoolhouse just east of the Old Stone Church.

In 1800 the Trenton Academy leased that brick building, and added a story, for use as the girls' school. It continued to be used for school and church purposes until it was taken down to erect the present church.

The new church, dedicated on January 19, 1840, was designed by Horatio Nelson Hotchkiss of New Haven, Connecticut. It is Greek Revival style with Ionic columns.

Many prominent people of the Colonial and Revolutionary eras are interred in the church cemetery and grounds. Legend says Col. Johann Gottlieb Rall, as well as the dust of a few Hessians who were killed or died later of wounds received in the Battle of Trenton, are interred therein. A comprehensive list of burials is available on the church website. Church archives are available to serious researchers.



The First Presbyterian Church of Trenton was declared a state and national landmark in 2005.

For more information and a list of 300th Anniversary events, call 396-1712 or visit old1712.org. (wv)



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